GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revision petition - Sri P.Sreeramachandra Murty, the then MRO, Rajahmundry Rural and presently Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) - Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Imposed a penalty of "withholding of twenty five percent of monthly pension permanently" - Review petition filed against the punishment orders - Admitted - Modifying the penalty as "withholding of ten percent of monthly pension for five years" - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 216 Dated:22-02-2024

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.1212, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.29.12.2023
2. Review petition dt: 11.01.2024 fled by Sri P.Sreeramachandra Murty, the then MRO, Rajahmundry Rural and presently Special Deputy Collector (Retd.)

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the G.O.1st read above, orders have been issued imposing a punishment of "withholding of twenty five percent of monthly pension permanently"" against Sri P.Sreeramachandra Murty, the then MRO, Rajahmundry Rural and presently Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) as the articles of charge framed against him on the allegations of issuing Pattadar Pass Books to the approved layout land in Teja Nagar, Pidimgoyyi (V), Rajahmundry (R)(M), were held proved by the Inquiry Authority cum Joint Collector, East Godavari.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders, Sri P.Sreeramachandra Murty, the then MRO, Rajahmundry Rural and presently Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) has filed a review petition before the Government denying the allegations and asserting that he served as MRO in Rajahmundry Rural from 09.01.2001 to 23.09.2003; that in 2001, applications for Pattadar Pass Books for Ch. Ganagaiah & Ch. Subbaiah in Sy. No. 471/2 of Pidimgoyya Village were processed, a Form VIII Notification was published, as per A.P. Right in Land & Pattadar Passbooks Rules, and on receiving no objections within 45 days, consequently, Pattadar Pass Books were issued based on the recommendations of the field staff . A layout was approved in L.P.No.26/92 for an extent of Ac.41.68 Cents in 471/1&2p and 472/2p in Tejanagar of Pidimigoyyi Village of Rajahmundry vide Lr.D.Dis. No.21717/88/D5, Dt.18.03.1992. The V&E Report states that only a portion of the land, Ac. 2.15 cents as per the layout, was issued passbooks by him in 2001 and the remaining Ac. 5.81 cents are classified as dry land. The V&E report has highlighted that the approved layout details weren't communicated to the Revenue Department until 2004, resulting in stagnant mutations in records and hindering land classification. He has further emphasized that the mistake, which was unintentional, occurred due to the absence of records in 2001. His retirement on 31.01.2021 was followed by the withholding of 25% pension permanently, causing significant mental and financial distress in his later years and requested that the proposed severe punishment may Kindly be dropped further action against him on Humanitarian Grounds as he is unaware and Not will full about the absent of records in issuing the Pass Books .

3. And whereas, the review petition of Sri P.Sreeramachandra Murty, the then MRO, Rajahmundry Rural and presently Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) has been admitted and a personal hearing has been conducted by the competent authority on 05.02.2024.

4. After careful examination of the grounds put forth in the review petition and also after hearing to pleadings of the petitioner during the personal hearing, Government have observed the main allegation against the charged officer is that Pattadar Pass Books were issued for lands in the approved Teja nagar layout, situated in R.S.No.471/1.2P & 472/2P of Pidimgoyyi (v) of Rajahmundry. It is evident that as per A. P. Rights in Land & Pattadar Passbook Rules, 1989 the charged officer should have thoroughly verified the veracity of registered documents, link documents, EC and Revenue records before issuing of PPB/TD's. However, the charged officer

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explained that the layout was approved in the year 1992 and the approved layout information was not marked to the Revenue Department. As a consequence, further changes were not carried out in Revenue records and the names of the pattadars were recorded as long as for many years. It might not be possible to identify the classification of the land in question in the absence of non communication of layout details to the Revenue Department. Upon reviewing the file, it is observed that the land is purely Private land and after a lapse of 12 years from 1992, the Regional Dy. Director of Town & Country planning, Rajahmundry addressed a letter dt:01.05.2004 along with layout copy to the DI.P.O, Rajahmundry and Sub Registrar concerned to adhere to the approved layout for the purpose of Registration of plots in the said Sy. Nos. Hence, as per this letter it may be construed that the said Tejanagar layout is in existence. It is felt that the lack of communication between departments precipitated the circumstances leading to this case. Consequently, Govt., have felt it reasonable to conclude that the charged officer did not intentionally commit the offense and in light of this context, the penalty imposed on the charged officer seems disproportionate and hence decided that the punishment of "withholding of twenty five percent of monthly pension permanently imposed on Sri P.Sreeramachandra Murty, the then MRO, Rajahmundry Rural and presently Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) is modified as withholding of ten percent of monthly pension for five years.

5. Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule- 38(a) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, here by review and modify the punishment of "withholding of twenty five percent of monthly pension" permanently imposed against Sri P.Sreeramachandra Murty, the then MRO, Rajahmundry Rural and presently Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) as withholding of ten percent of monthly pension for five years for the charges framed against him in the matter as per rule -9 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri/ District Collector, East Godavari shall take necessary further action accordingly.

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To:
Sri P.Sreeramachandra Murty, the then MRO, Rajahmundry Rural and presently Special Deputy Collector (Retd.) through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The OSD to the Hon'ble Minster (Rev, Stamps & Regn).
The Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari District.
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SECTION OFFICER